

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2006
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 PM in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Mark Steffen, Bill Grady, Dale Henson, Jeff Schreiver, Scott Guenther and Ray Spears. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. Councilwoman Nancy Atkinson and City Administrator Roger Rolfes were absent.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Schreiver added discussion of the Rumpke waste receptacles as item #21; Mr. Grady added discussion of electronic signs as item #22; and Mayor Link added Spooky Sunday to the Announcements as item #40.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – **September 18, 2006 Meeting Minutes** - Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the September 18, 2006 meeting minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Henson. Mr. Steffen abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayors Report – Mayor Link announced that Gateway College would be having a groundbreaking ceremony for the new addition to the school; it'll take place October 19th at 10 a.m. The Pub restaurant in Crestview Hills sent an invitation to join them for "Networking" on October 3rd from 5 – 7 p.m. Mayor Link attended the Mayors Group Meeting in Elsmere.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, EMS/Fire, General Services, Police, and Recreation. Mr. Schreiver stated that he would like to see a formal plan for the Pocket Park. Mr. Schreiver spoke to Mr. Rigsby, Eagle Scout who is going to construct the gazebo for the pocket park, and thought that he needed more direction. He was told to build a small gazebo but he doesn't think that will use up all of the hours that are required for the project and it also has to be completed by March 6. Mr. Schreiver also suggested that it be built on the site of the park instead of doing it at public works; moving it would not be a good idea. Mr. Schreiver said he would like to see him build a big enough gazebo as possible to meet the required man-hours that Mr. Rigsby needs. Mr. Rigsby advised Mr. Schreiver that if he builds a small gazebo then he would have to find something else to do to meet the required hours. Mayor Link said we could make the gazebo bigger.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for repair to 174's mechanical pump seals from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$2,748 – Chief Messmer stated that water got into the transfer case causing the oil to turn pink when it should be black. The vehicle is in service and would only be used for emergencies but should be repaired quickly before any damage is done. Only one quote was submitted for this repair as per the contract but Mr. Guenther stated that he would like to obtain another quote for the repairs. He further stated that when spending this amount of money he would like to continue obtaining other quotes from other vendors for future repairs. The fire department will obtain another quote.

Rumpke waste receptacle – Rumpke has implemented a new waste wheeler program within the city. Several residents regarding issues with the cans contacted Mr. Schreiver. He asked if the city was going to be able to obtain smaller cans and when will the rest of the city receive their cans. Mayor Link stated that Rumpke is looking into the smaller cans and the remaining cans should be distributed this week. Mr. Grady has received negative comments about the cans. But after talking to a Rumpke employee about the cans he believes it'll be a good program; it'll provide better safety for the drivers. Mr. Steffen asked about throwing away old cans. Residents can put them inside the new can or put a sign on the old cans to throw them away.

Electronic sign – the city is obtaining bids for an electronic marquee sign for the front of the city building. Mr. Grady ~~spoke his opposition to the sign~~ made the following statement: "At a recent special meeting where our property taxes were increased the vote was three for and three against and Mayor Link broke the tie. At that meeting, the administrator stated that one of the reasons to increase taxes was that funds could be used to enable the city to payback into our reserve fund the money that had been used for the new city building. Ironically, at the meeting, just one week later, we were urged to consider the purchase of an expensive electronic sign in front of the building. There's no secret what they cost I checked. Ft. Mitchell paid about \$30,000 for their sign. It was also mentioned that other cities are getting such signs; must we keep up with the Jones' and do what other cities do? My opinion of such signs are that they look gaudy and commercial. If the city can have one shouldn't every business, church, school, service station and other businesses in Edgewood be allowed to have one? As we all know over the years many of our citizens have worked together to keep our city as residential looking as possible. Also, I think such a sign would be a distraction for people driving by. There's no guardrail across from the city building and there is a deep ravine across that road." He doesn't think the city should get the sign just because other cities have them; he thinks they are gaudy and commercial and wants to keep our city looking residential. He said after observing Ft. Mitchell's sign it is impossible to read the sign in its entirety while driving by. He thinks it'll be a distraction and believes it could cause accidents especially for the westbound Dudley traffic since there isn't any guardrails to prevent people from ending up in the big ravine.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2006-05 Safe Routes To School Agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - the city is receiving a grant from the state for \$210,850 to install sidewalks on Marie, Colony Drive, North Colony Drive and Madonna Drive to encourage students to walk to school. Chief Kramer announced that an additional \$4000 was added for bike racks for a total of \$214,850. **Mr. Guenther made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for Resolution 2006-05; second by Mr. Schreiber. Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Spooky Sunday will be held at Presidents Park on October 22nd for children 12 and under. Costume parade will head to the park from St. Pius at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Steffen. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: _____